

Summary

Meeting dates:	August 5, 20106
Agenda item:	Rule for new fishing combination licenses
Presenter(s):	Greg Sallis, Sales & Marketing Manager, Licensing Division, WDFW
Background summary:	
<p>WDFW's Licensing Division is proposing three new recreational fishing combination licenses: Fish Washington license, combination upgrade, and senior combination license. All three licenses are proposed to be created in a new rule: WAC 220-55-165.</p> <p>The Fish Washington license includes the following privileges: annual combination license, two-pole endorsement, Columbia River salmon steelhead endorsement, and Puget Sound crab endorsement. Buying the items separately, the out-the-door price for consumer is \$87.65, while the new combination's out-the-door price is \$79.62.</p> <p>The Combination Upgrade gives resident anglers who purchased either an annual saltwater, annual freshwater, or an annual shellfish/seaweed license the opportunity to upgrade to a combination license for the price difference.</p>	
Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Fish Washington license simplifies recreational fishing licenses and endorsements by allowing resident anglers to easily purchase an "all inclusive" annual combination license with all the endorsements at a discounted price.• The Combination Upgrade gives resident anglers the opportunity to upgrade from either an annual saltwater license, annual freshwater license, or a shellfish/seaweed license to a combination license during a promotional window.• The Senior Combination license allows seniors to easily continue to purchase the combination license.	
Public involvement process used and what you learned:	
<p>For the <i>Fish Washington license</i>, a survey was sent to 7,342 Washington State anglers in 2015 and 50.9% stated they would likely purchase the package.</p> <p>The <i>combination upgrade</i> was first offered in 2014 from May 21st – July 20th and more recently for the summer of 2016 from June – September via an emergency rule. The vast majority of the responses have been positive both from the public as well as from the media.</p> <p>The <i>senior combination</i> was presented to the dealer advisory group at the quarterly meeting and the response was positive.</p> <p>In addition, an email went out via Public Affairs' listserve to those individuals interested in tracking WDFW rule changes and was part of the news release announcing this meeting. One response was received and it was positive for having a single license with the endorsements available.</p>	
Action requested:	
Create WAC 220-55-165 to create three new combination license opportunities.	

Draft motion language:
I move to adopt WAC 220-55-165 as presented.
Justification for Commission action:
Simplify and make convenient for customers the purchase of a combination fishing license that may result in additional revenue to the Department.
Communications Plan:
WDFW Website New Releases Fishing Pamphlet Customer emails Electronic Broadcast Messages to DFW retail dealer network Training for Regional Office and HQ Customer Service staff WDFW Social Media

Form revised 12/5/12

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-55-165 Reduced rate annual fish Washington license, and license upgrades. (1) There is hereby created an annual fish Washington license for residents that combines recreational freshwater and saltwater fishing, shellfish, and seaweed harvest privileges. The fee for the annual fish Washington license will not be priced higher than the sum of the individual items. The fish Washington License also includes the following:

- (a) The Columbia River salmon and steelhead endorsement;
- (b) A Puget Sound Dungeness Crab endorsement; and
- (c) A Two-Pole endorsement.

(2) The director is authorized to allow any Washington State resident who has purchased an annual freshwater, saltwater, or shellfish/seaweed license to upgrade to a combination license for the cost difference between his or her current annual fishing license(s) and the cost of the combination license, plus transaction and dealer fees. The director may limit the times of the year that this upgrade is made available for sale.

(3) There is hereby created an annual senior combination recreation fishing license which includes freshwater and saltwater fishing, shellfish, and seaweed harvest privileges. The state fee for the annual senior combination fishing license will not be priced higher than the sum of the individual items and is available to any senior residents.

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RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

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- Change: Section one (1) add residents.

Rationale: Section one was only intended for residents.

- Change: Combine subsection two (2) with section one (1)

Rationale: There is no purpose to have a subsection two (2)

- Change: Section two (2) remove non-residents disabled vets, remove razor, and add, "plus transaction and dealer fees. The director may limit the times of the year that this upgrade is made available for sale."

Rationale: This section was only intended for residents and was not intended to include razor clam. The plus transaction and dealer fees was added to clarify the cost.

- Change: Section three (3) remove seventy years of age and older

Rationale: Having the age is redundant to the description of senior residents.



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2012)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 14-22-107 _____; or
 Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or
 Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1).

Original Notice
 Supplemental Notice to WSR _____
 Continuance of WSR 16-09-077 _____

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject)

The department proposes a new WAC 220-55-165 to establish a reduced rate annual Fish Washington license, and the ability for anglers to upgrade to a combination or the new Fish Washington license.

Hearing location(s):

Natural Resources Building, Room 172
1111 Washington St SE
Olympia, WA 98504

Date: August 5-6, 2016 Time: 8:30 a.m.

Submit written comments to:

Name: WDFW Rules Coordinator
Address: 600 Capitol Way N
Olympia, WA 98501-1091

e-mail Rules.Coordinator@dfw.wa.gov
fax (360)902-2155 by (date) AUGUST 6, 2016

Assistance for persons with disabilities:

Contact Tami Linninger by August 1, 2016 _____

TTY (800) 833-6388 or (360) 902-2267

Date of intended adoption: On or after August 7, 2016
(Note: This is **NOT** the effective date)

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: The Fish and Wildlife Commission will hold a public hearing at the August 5-6 Commission meeting for the proposed amendments to WAC 220-55-165 regarding the combination license or the new Fish Washington license. This hearing has been continued from the previously scheduled hearing on June 10-11, 2016. At the June 10-11 hearing, the public and stakeholders were notified the hearing on this rule would be continued to a later date.

Reasons supporting proposal:

Statutory authority for adoption:

RCW 77.32.470, 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047

Statute being implemented: RCW 77.32.470, 77.04.012,

77.04.013, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law? Yes No
 Federal Court Decision? Yes No
 State Court Decision? Yes No
 If yes, CITATION:

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WSR 16-15-055

DATE

July 15, 2016

NAME (type or print)

Scott Bird

SIGNATURE

Scott Bird

TITLE

Rules Coordinator

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

- Private Public
 Governmental

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

Name	Office Location	Phone
Drafting.....		
Implementation.....		
Enforcement.....		

Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW or has a school district fiscal impact statement been prepared under section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 2012?

- Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement or school district fiscal impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

phone _____
fax _____
e-mail _____

- No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

- Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

Name:
Address:

phone () _____
fax () _____
e-mail _____

- No: Please explain:

Summary of Public Input

Two responses from the listserv email, both positive for the new rule:

- “I agree that the combo licenses need to be changed. Buying everything from salt-freshwater-shellfish-colombia R endorsements-puget sound crab endorsement... This all gets crazy trying to keep things straight when you have so many things going on. A single license would be very helpful.

Bill Gierach”

- “I am 73 Yrs. old. Thanks for the Sr. license for fishing BUT charging me \$34.00 for tags?? unexceptible. No Social Security raise, but you want to SHAFT SRS. FOR THIS??? How much a raise are you getting this year???”